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1. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED THAT BROMYKO TOAST AT LUNCHEON FOR
SECRETARY, MARCH 28, IS BEING MISINTERPRETED BY MEDIA. REMARKS
BY GROMYKO ON MIDDLE EAST WERE DELIVERED EXTEMPORANEOUSLY (AND
NOT REPORTED BY SOVIET MEDIA). OUR REPORT (REF A) ONLY
REPRESENTED APPROXIMATION OF WHAT GROMYKO SAID. THE SENTENCE IN
QUESTION IS THAT ONE WHICH WE REPORTED AS SAYING "CAN'T WE
DECIDE ON PARTICIPATION AT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF?"

2. GROMYKO DID NOT RPT NOT SAY THAT PALESTINIANS WOULD NOT BE
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REPRESENTED AT GENEVA. HE SAID THAT "WE" (PRESUMABLY THE US AND
THE USSR BUT POSSIBLY INCLUDING OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, AS
MENTIONED IN THE PRECEDING SENTENCE) COULD MAKE A DETERMINATION
OF WHO SHOULD SIT AT GENEVA. GROMYKO SAID THAT THE PALESTINIANS
(HE DID NOT MENTION THE PLO EXPLICITLY) HAD THE RIGHT TO SPEAK FOR
THEMSELVES. HE ADDED THAT THE PALESTINIANS HAD NEVER IMPOSED
THEIR VIEW ON ANYONE NOR SHOULD ANYONE IMPOSE THEIR VIEWS

ON THE PALESTINIANS. THE IMPLICATIONS OF HIS REMARKS WERE THAT:
(A) THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT GENEVA (AT WHICH
POINT WAS NOT MADE CLEAR), (B) THE PALESTINIANS HAD A RIGHTFUL
CAUSE AND, THEREFORE (C) THE US SHOULD PRESS ISRAEL TO ACCEPT
PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION.

3. ON MARCH 30, ALL SOVIET OFFICIAL SOURCES INSISTED THAT
GROMYKO'S COMMENT REPRESENTS NO CHANGE IN CURRENT SOVIET
POSITION: PALESTINIANS MUST PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA
CONFERENCE "FROM THE BEGINNING."
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